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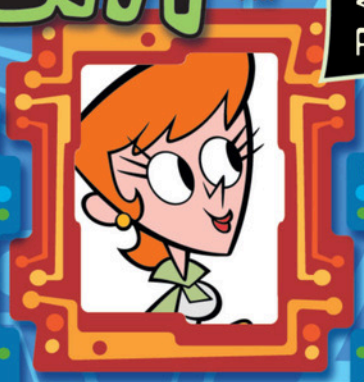
< MOTHER AND FATHER - PARENTAL UNITS >
< MUST NOT KNOW ABOUT LAB >

< DEXTER - SCIENTIST / BOY GENIUS >
< CONCOCTS EXPERIMENTS IN HIS LAB >

< DEE DEE - SISTER / SABOTEUR >
< DESTROYS EXPERIMENTS IN HER BROTHER'S LAB >



Dexter finally got his wish: to be an only child, with Dee Dee banished to an alternate reality -- where she's a pretty princess of a pink palace. But when Dexter realizes he truly needs her in his life, he must battle to find a way back home for them both. But what can he do when *Princess* Dee Dee doesn't even remember him...And she wants to PLAY! What horrors await poor Dexter?

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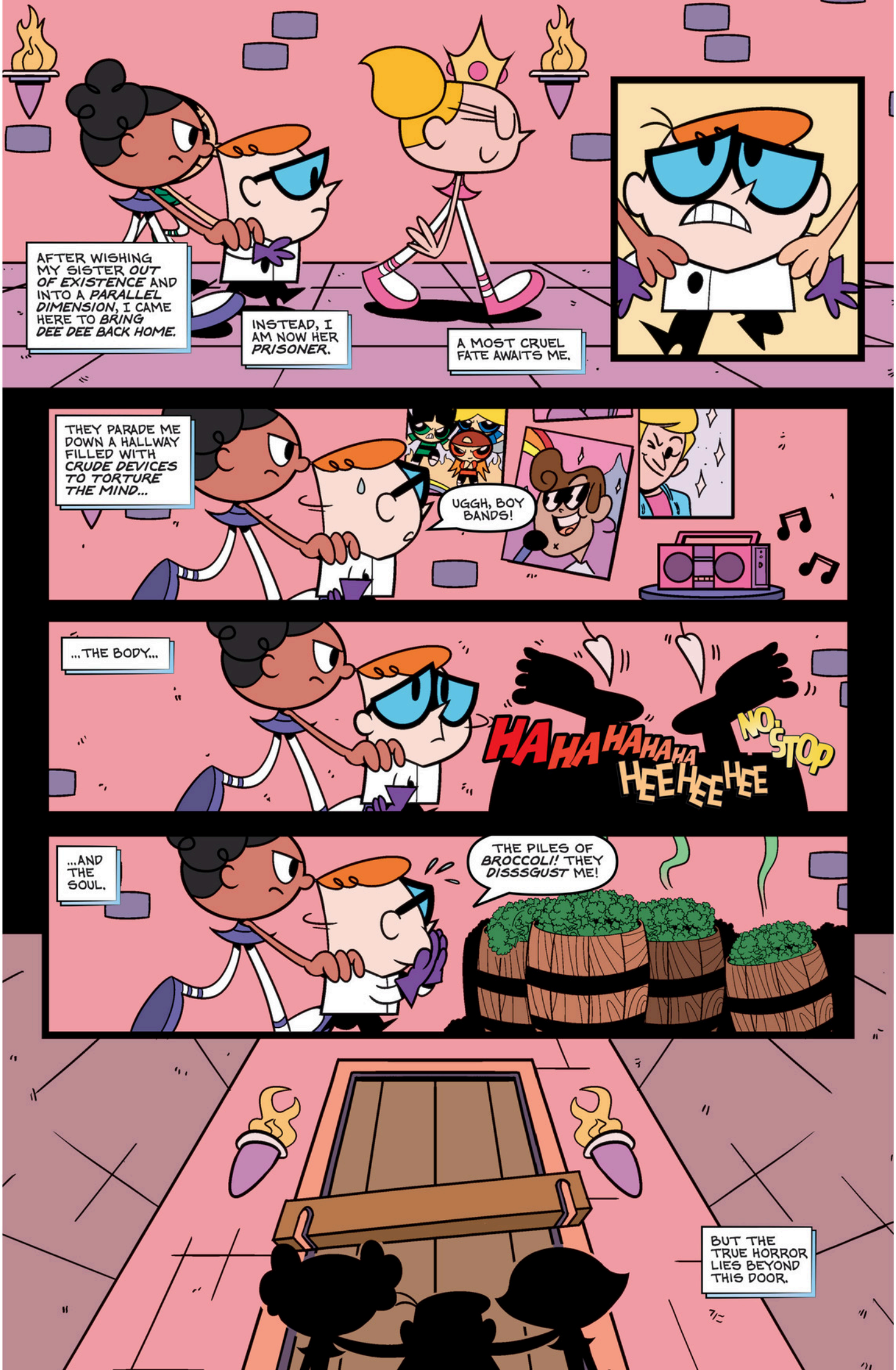
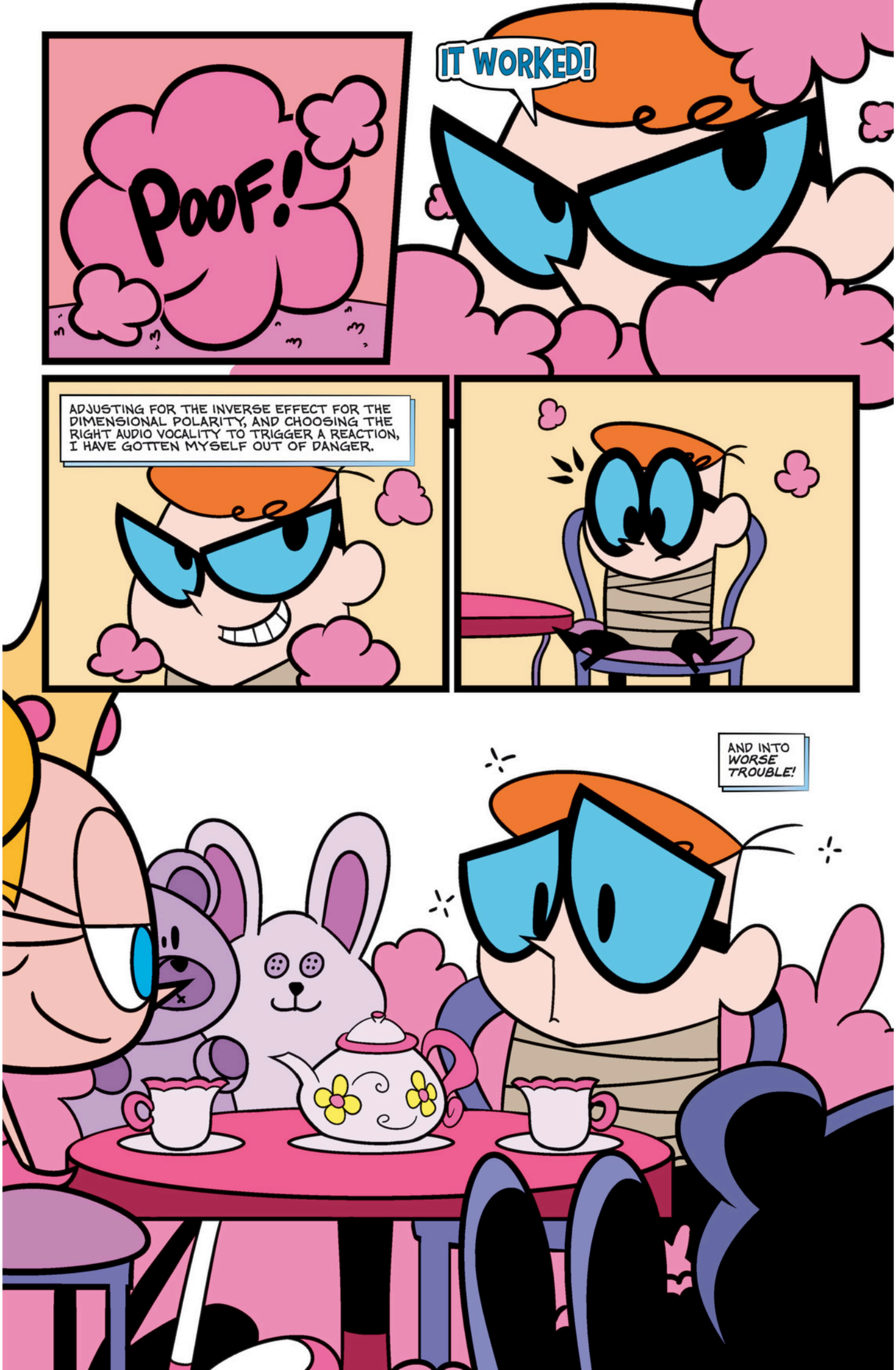
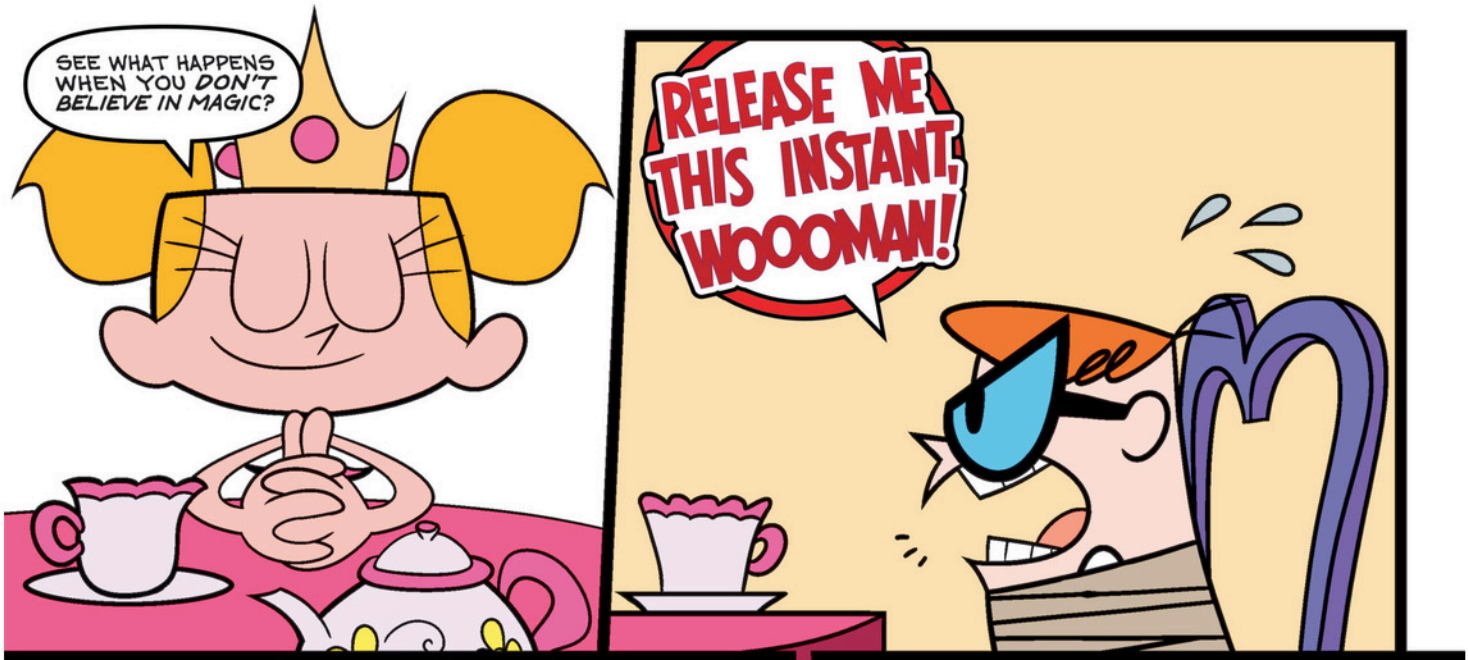

AFTER WISHING MY SISTER *OUT OF EXISTENCE* AND INTO A *PARALLEL DIMENSION*, I CAME HERE TO *BRING DEE DEE BACK HOME.*
INSTEAD, I AM NOW HER *PRISONER.*
A MOST CRUEL FATE AWAITS ME.
THEY PARADE ME DOWN A HALLWAY FILLED WITH *CRUDE DEVICES TO TORTURE THE MIND...*
UGGH, BOY BANDS!
...THE BODY...
HAHAHAHAHA HEEHEEHEE
NO. STOP
...AND THE SOUL.
THE PILES OF *BROCCOLI!* THEY *DISSSGUST* ME!
BUT THE TRUE HORROR LIES BEYOND THIS DOOR.

FATE HAS CHOSEN *PINK*, A COLOR *SO FOUL*, TO BE THE SYMBOL OF MY *ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION.*
BUT I CHOOSE NOT TO SURRENDER, WHEN *ONE OPTION REMAINS.*

MY ONLY CHANCE IS *TO RUN.*
MY PRISONER HAS ESCAPED.
CAPTURE HIM NOW!
I FIND NO EXIT. *NO SAFE HARBOR.*
HOP
THEY EXPECT ME TO LIE DOWN, TO GIVE UP.
BUT I RETALIATE FROM ABOVE.
AND FROM BELOW.


POOF!
IT WORKED!
ADJUSTING FOR THE INVERSE EFFECT FOR THE DIMENSIONAL POLARITY, AND CHOOSING THE RIGHT AUDIO VOCALITY TO TRIGGER A REACTION, I HAVE GOTTEN MYSELF OUT OF DANGER.
AND INTO WORSE TROUBLE!

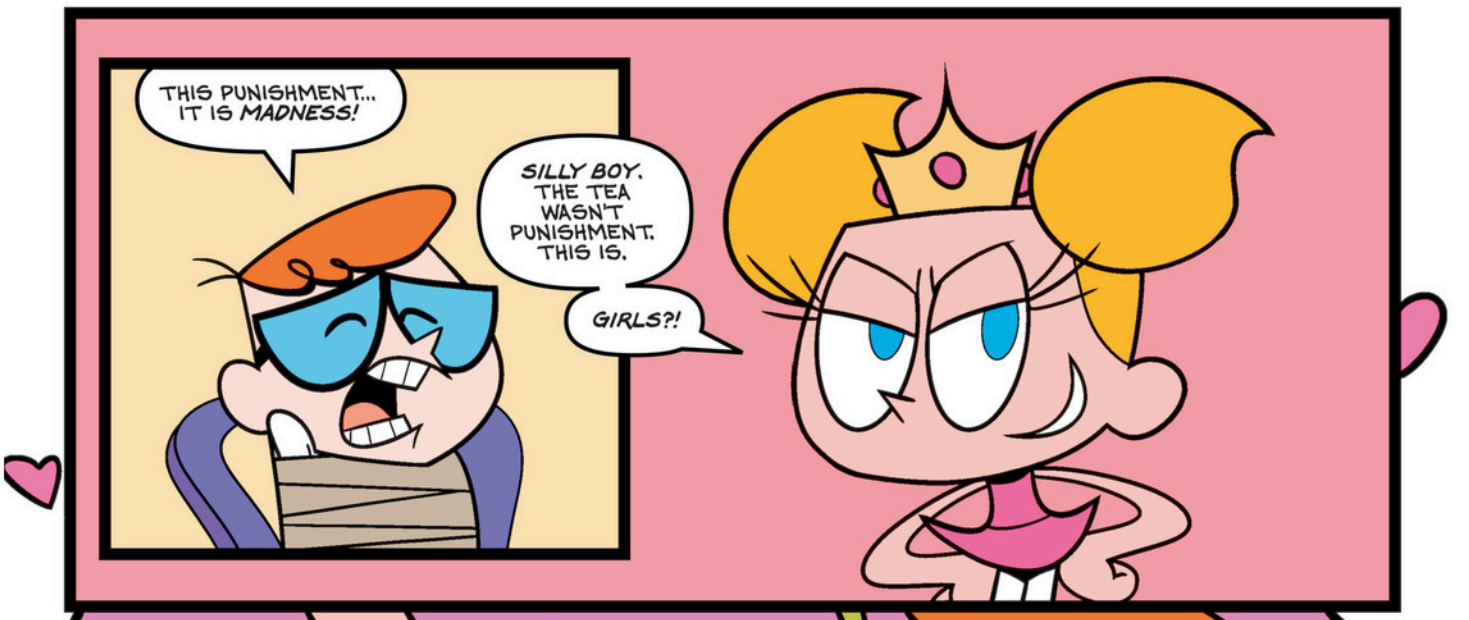
OOOH! THEY'VE GOT YOU NOW!
QUIET!
I AM NOT TALKING TO YOOOU, STUPID MIRROR.
STAY BACK!
I'M NOT AFRAID TO USE THIS!
GO AHEAD. I DARE YOU.
D—DON'T THINK I WON'T!
BUT YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN MAGIC.
HOCUS.
POCUS.


SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU *DON'T BELIEVE IN MAGIC*?
RELEASE ME THIS INSTANT, WOOOMAN!

NOT BEFORE WE HAVE *TEA*.
WE CAN ACT *CIVILIZED*, CAN'T WE?
BE CAREFUL. IT'S HOT.

THIS CUP DOES NOT CONTAIN *THE H2O* OR *THE BAG WITH THE LEAVES*.

MAGIC.
THERE ARE *NO MOLECULES PRESENT*. NO APPLICATION OF HEAT.
NO ATOMS WITH ENOUGH ENERGY TO CHANGE LIQUID INTO VAPOR.
MAGIC MAGIC MAGIC!


THIS PUNISHMENT... IT IS MADNESS!
SILLY BOY. THE TEA WASN'T PUNISHMENT. THIS IS.
GIRLS?!

HOW'S IT GOING DOWN THERE?
THE BURNING OF THE NOSTRILS. THE ODOR IS RAMPANT.

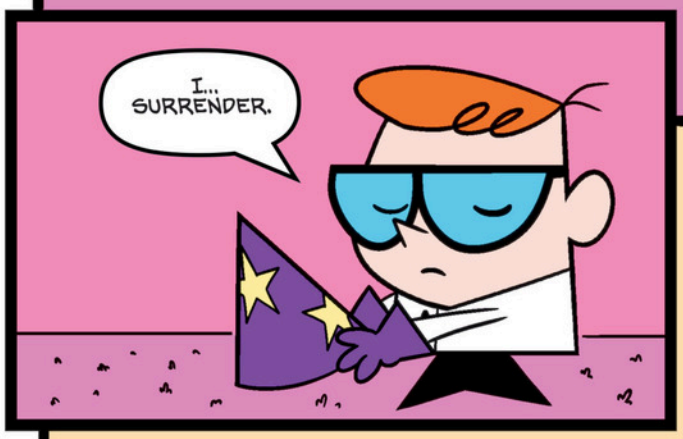
YOU LOOK PRETTY... PRETTY SILLY! HAH HAH!

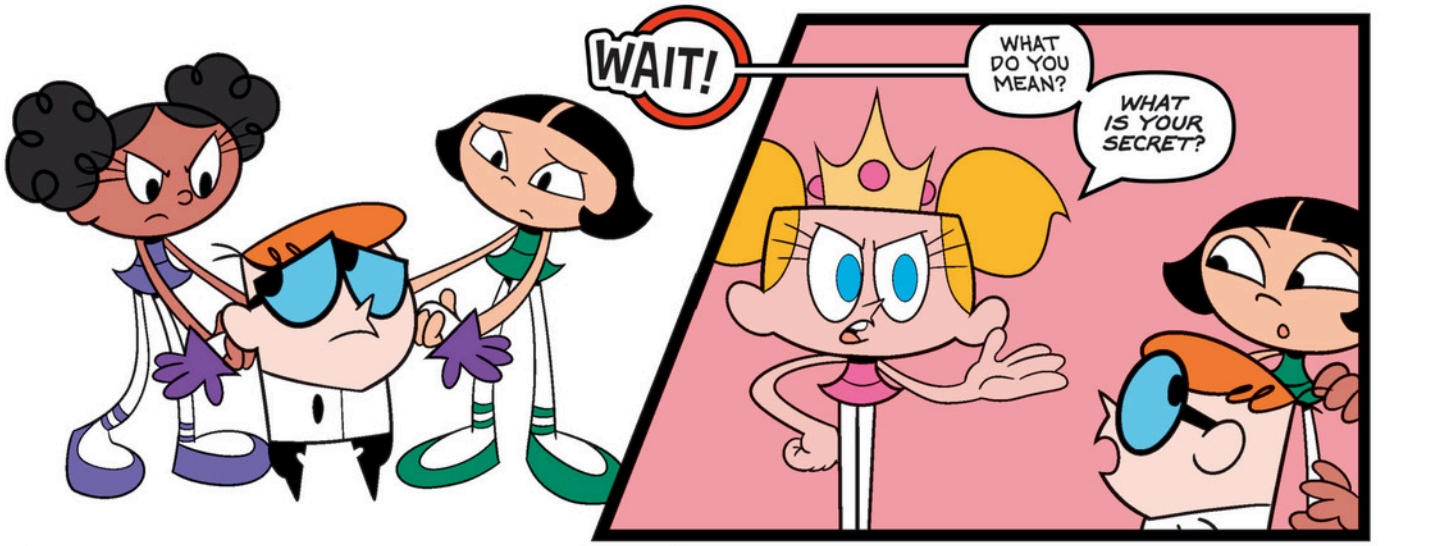
NOW YOU'RE LOOKING MORE WIZARDLY.

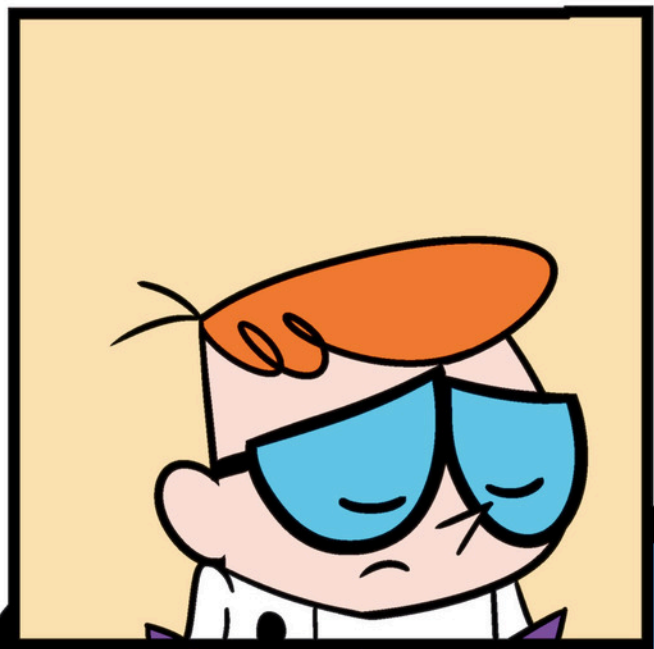
NO... HEE HEE... QUIT IT.... HEE HEE.... STOP!!
GIGGILE GIGGILE GIGGILE

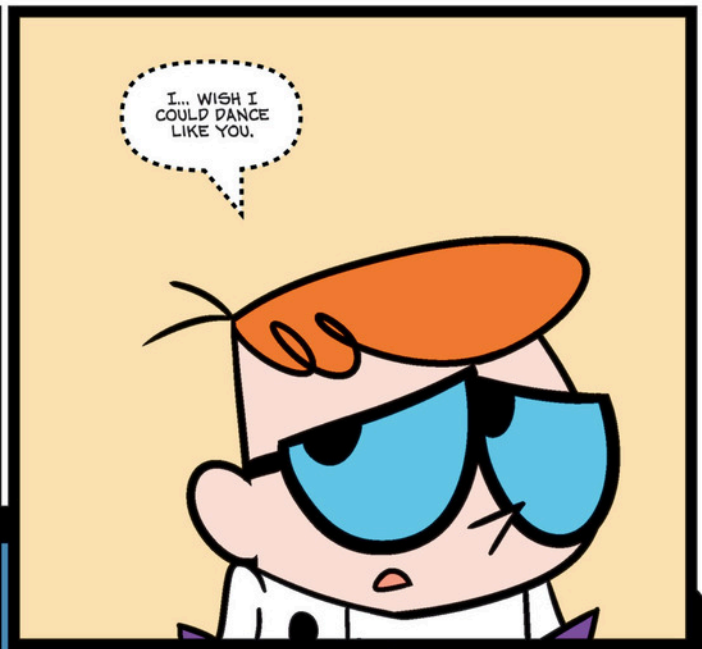
IT HAS COME TO THIS. *THE MOMENT OF TRUTH.*

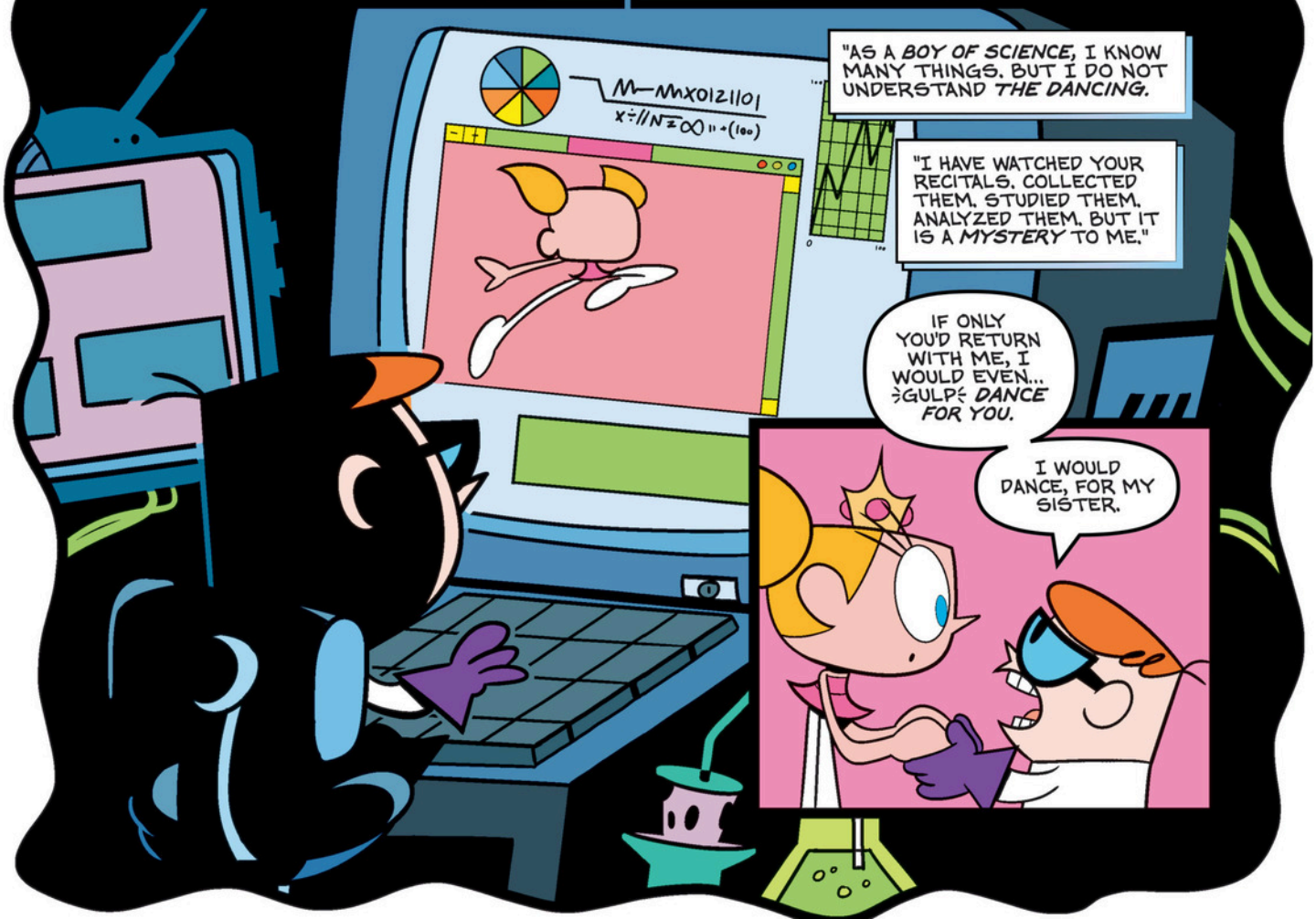
WITH TREPIDATION, I FIND MYSELF SAYING WHAT I'VE ALWAYS FEARED.

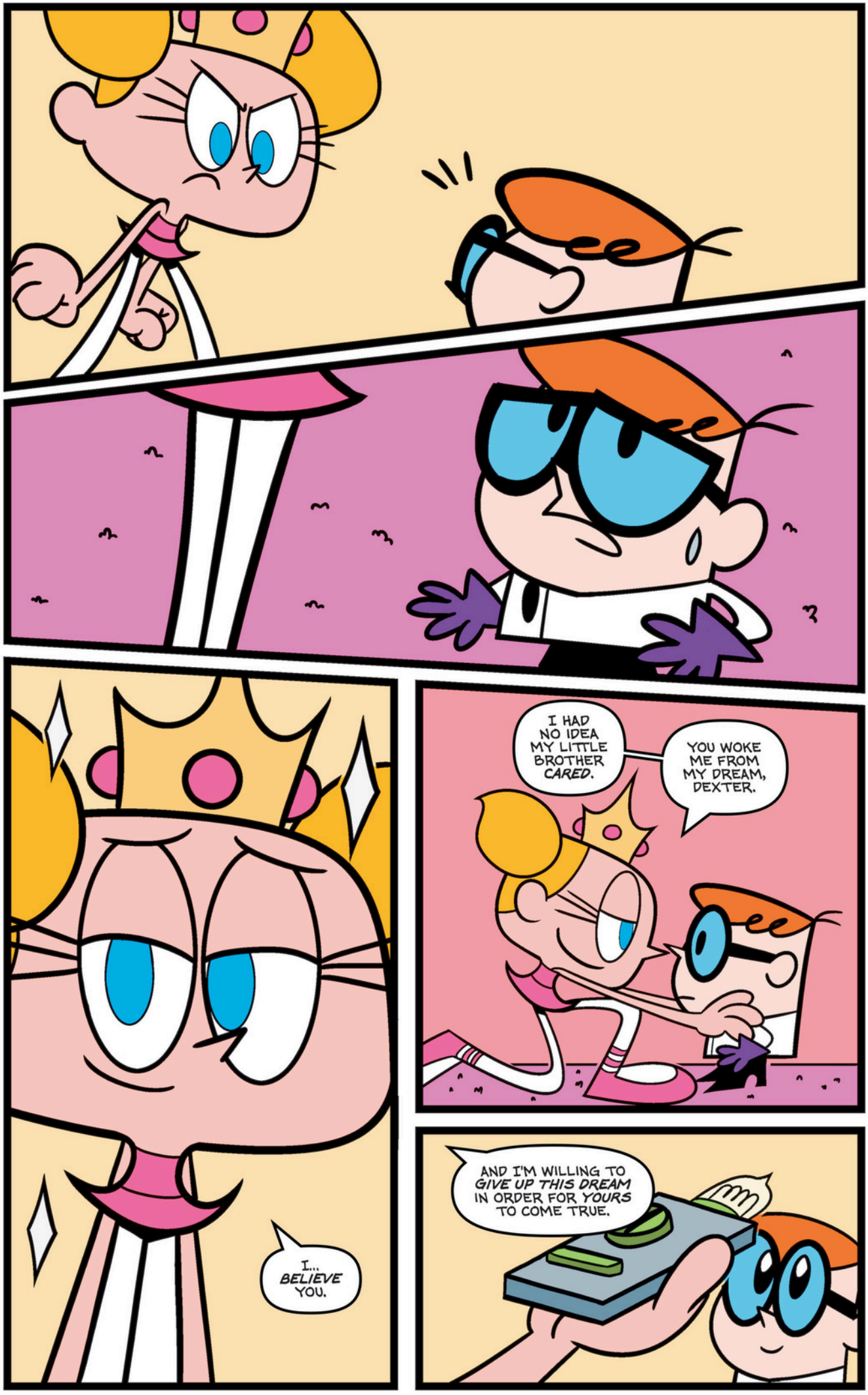


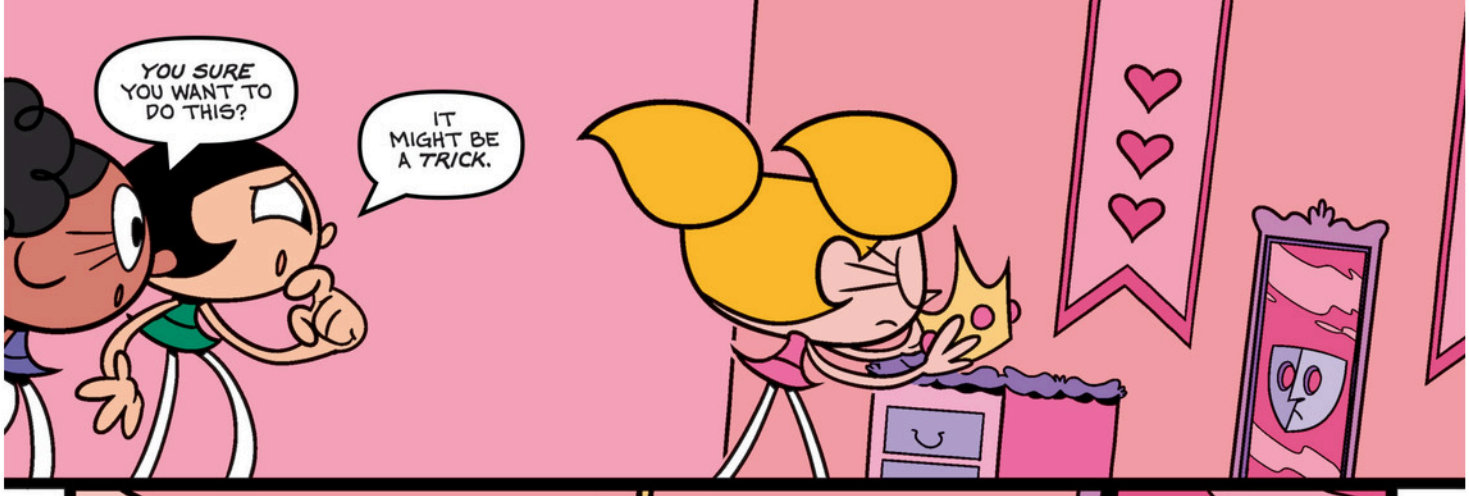

WAIT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT IS YOUR SECRET?

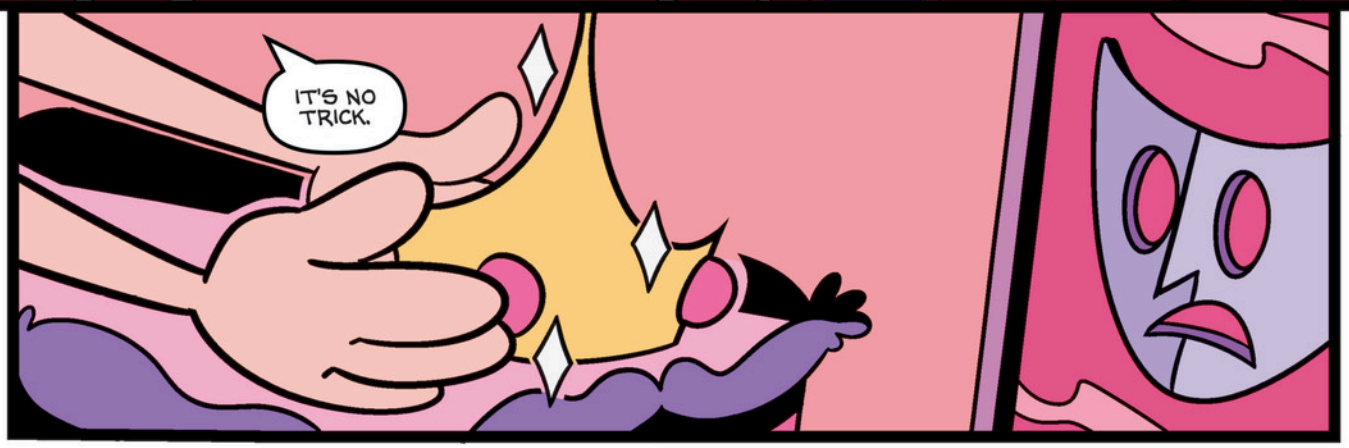


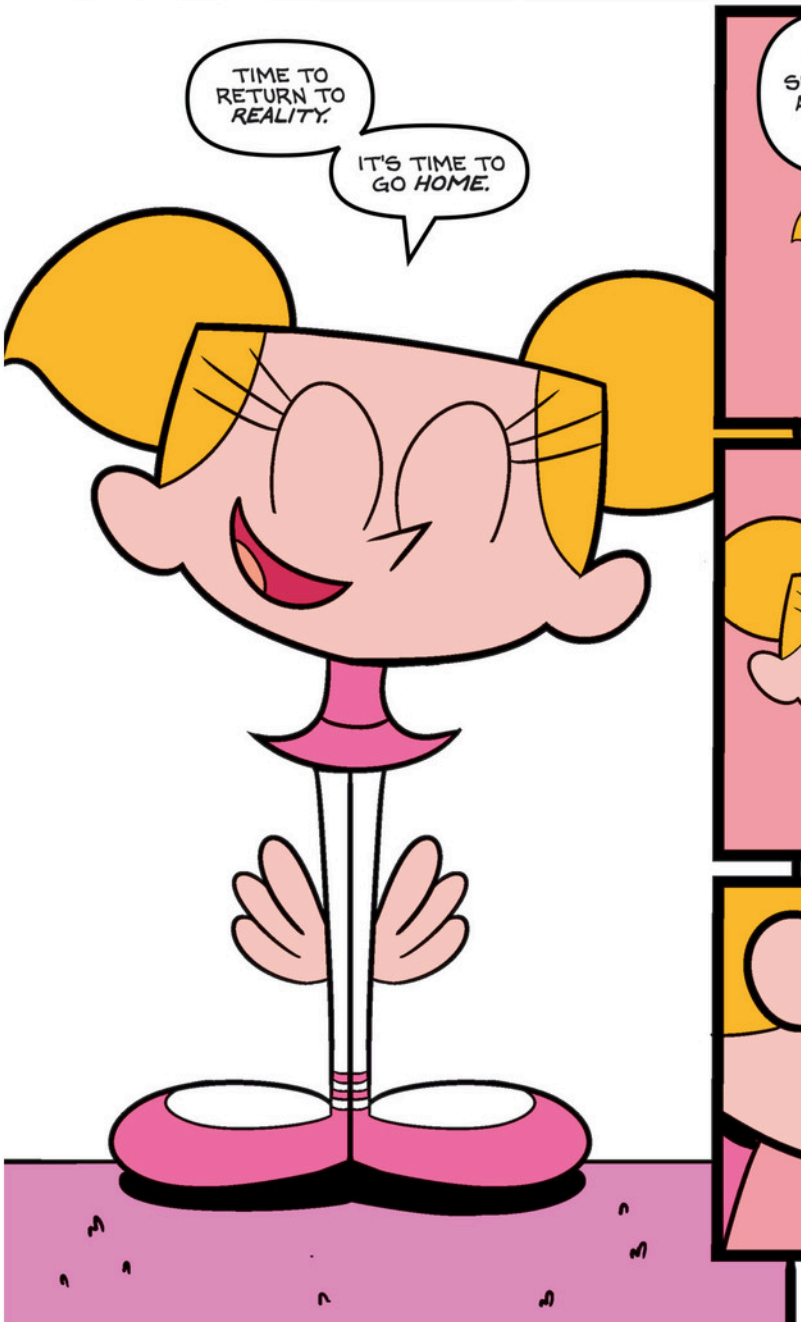

I... WISH I COULD DANCE LIKE YOU.

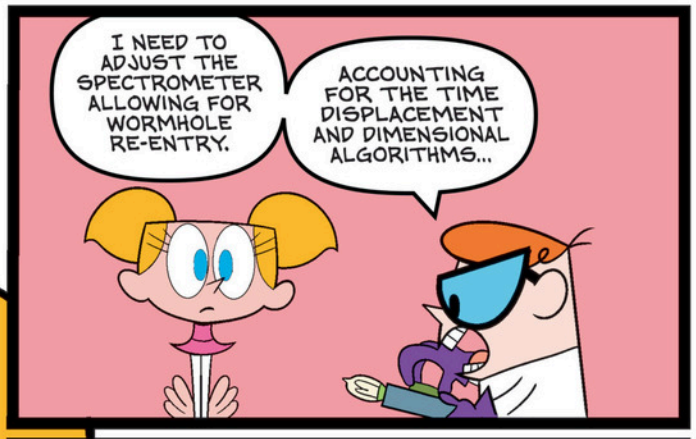

"AS A *BOY OF SCIENCE,* I KNOW MANY THINGS. BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND *THE DANCING.*
"I HAVE WATCHED YOUR RECITALS. COLLECTED THEM. STUDIED THEM. ANALYZED THEM. BUT IT IS A *MYSTERY* TO ME."
IF ONLY YOU'D RETURN WITH ME, I WOULD EVEN... ÷GULP÷ *DANCE FOR YOU.*
I WOULD DANCE, FOR MY SISTER.

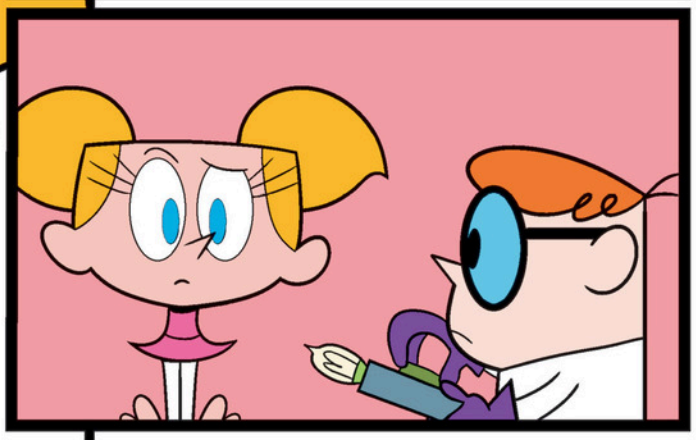

I HAD NO IDEA MY LITTLE BROTHER CARED.
YOU WOKE ME FROM MY DREAM, DEXTER.
I... BELIEVE YOU.
AND I'M WILLING TO GIVE UP THIS DREAM IN ORDER FOR YOURS TO COME TRUE.

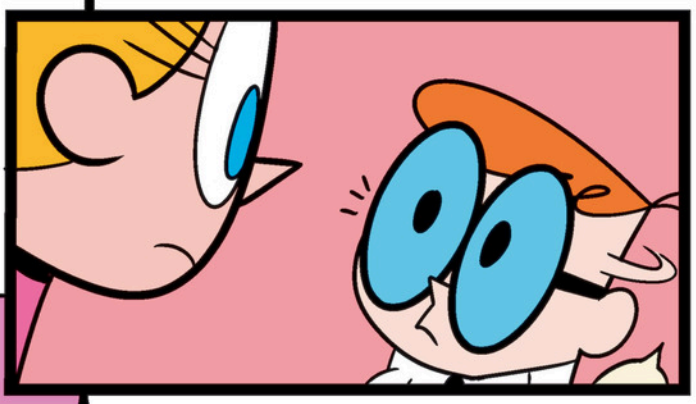

YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
IT MIGHT BE A TRICK.


IT'S NO TRICK.


TIME TO RETURN TO REALITY.
IT'S TIME TO GO HOME.


I NEED TO ADJUST THE SPECTROMETER ALLOWING FOR WORMHOLE RE-ENTRY.
ACCOUNTING FOR THE TIME DISPLACEMENT AND DIMENSIONAL ALGORITHMS...





DEE DEE... IF YOU'LL DO ME THE HONOR.
OOOH, WHAT DOES *THIS* BUTTON DO?
CLICK!
SHOOOOM

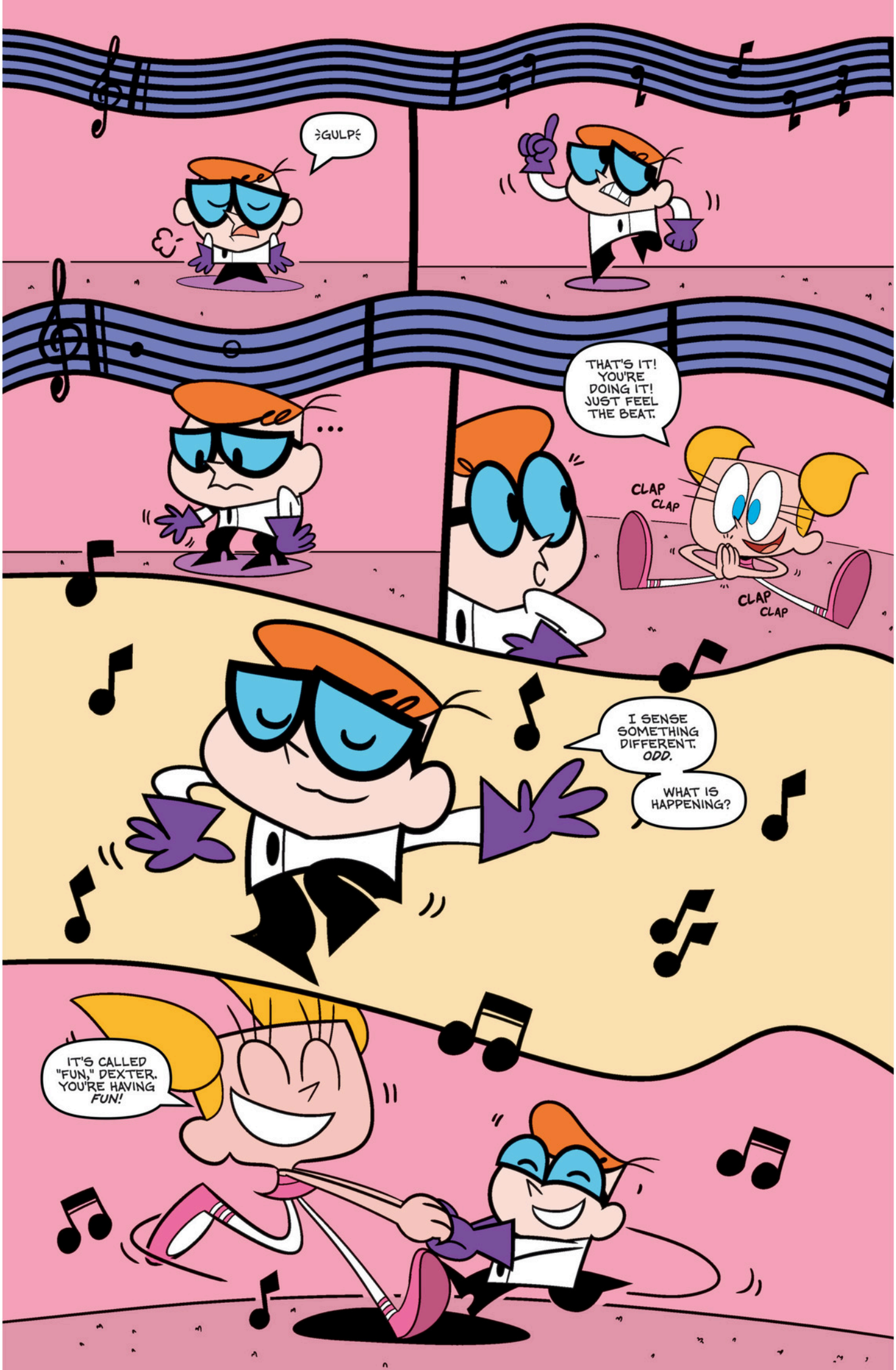
POOF
POOF
POOF
WELCOME BACK...
...my Fairy Princess!

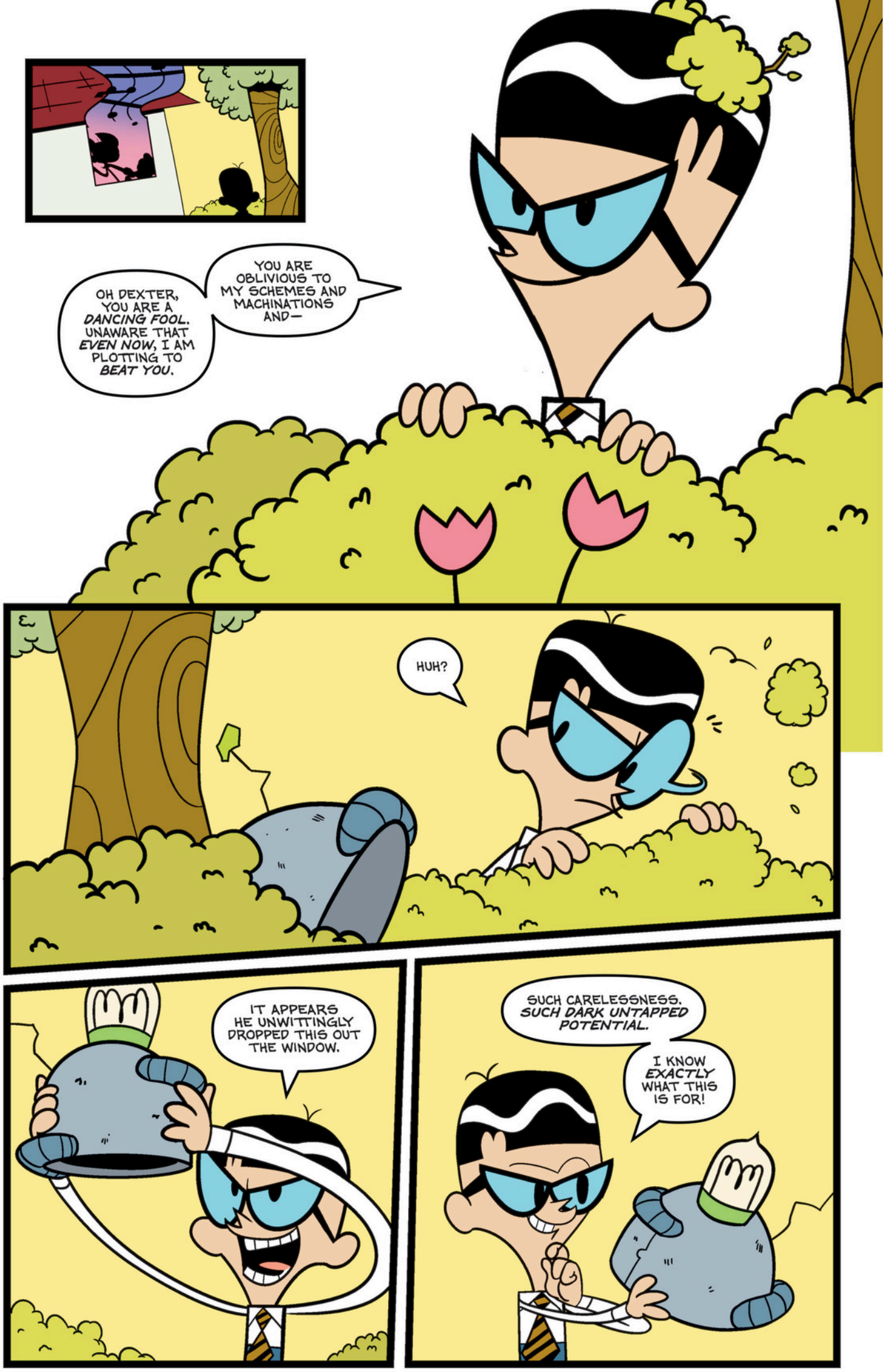
DIMENSIONAL DISPLACEMENT AFTER EFFECTS ARE NOMINAL.
IT APPEARS I AM BACK.
IF THAT IS TRUE, THEN...
DEE DEE!
DEE DEE? WHERE IS SHE?
YOUR SISTER? SHE ISN'T HERE.

NO!! I FAILED!
I ERASED MY OWN SISTER FROM EXISTENCE!
I SHOULD'VE COMPLETED THE SPECTROMETER ADJUSTMENTS. JUST ONE DIODE MORE... JUST ONE...
HUN, DEE DEE ISN'T HERE. SHE'S UP IN HER ROOM.
NOW PLAY NICE!
DEE DEE!

THIS IS THE WEIRDEST HAT.
DID YOU BUILD IT?
IT IS NOTHING. NEXT TO NOTHING. USELESS JUNK.
TOSS
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M JUST HAPPY TO SEE THAT YOU EXIST.

OKAY THAT IS ENOUGH WITH THE SQUEEZING.
THANK YOU.
AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING?
YOUR SECRET?
YOU REMEMBERED?!
SO... IT REALLY DID HAPPEN?
A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.
AND YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THIS ROOM UNTIL YOU DO.


GULP
THAT'S IT! YOU'RE DOING IT! JUST FEEL THE BEAT.
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
I SENSE SOMETHING DIFFERENT. ODD.
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
IT'S CALLED "FUN," DEXTER. YOU'RE HAVING FUN!


OH DEXTER, YOU ARE A *DANCING FOOL*. UNAWARE THAT *EVEN NOW*, I AM PLOTTING TO *BEAT YOU*.
YOU ARE OBLIVIOUS TO MY SCHEMES AND MACHINATIONS AND—
HUH?
IT APPEARS HE UNWITTINGLY DROPPED THIS OUT THE WINDOW.
SUCH CARELESSNESS. *SUCH DARK UNTAPPED POTENTIAL.*
I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT THIS IS FOR!

YES! IT'S ALMOST READY. EVERYTHING I DESIRE IS WITHIN REACH.
HAHA HAHA HA!
BLOOP BLOOP
WHIRRR WHIRRR WHIRRR
SIZZZLE
IT TASTES LIKE A DREAM...
CRUNCH
BLEH! TOO... SUGARY.
COFF COFF
NICE TRY, DEXTER. BUT IT IS I WHO AM SMARTER THAN YOU.
AND I WILL DEFEAT YOU... AFTER I'VE HAD MY NAP.
FRIZZAP
DEE END!

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